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SUBJECT: LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER

1. EMBASSY IS FORWARDING A LETTER ADDRESSED TO PRESIDENT CARTER FROM CARLOS BARRIOS, THE BROTHER OF VIOLETA CHAMORRO WHOSE HUSBAND PEDRO JOAQUIN CHAMORRO WAS ASSASSINATED JANUARY 10. BARRIOS IS DRAWING ON HIS TIES TO THE U.S. INCLUDING HIS UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS EDUCATION TO ASSUME THE ROLE OF FRIENDLY CRITIC OF U.S. POLICY IN NICARAGUA.

2. THE MARCH 13 LETTER FROM BARRIOS ATTACKS THE PRESENCE OF U.S. "MERCENARIES" IN NICARAGUA AND ASKS THE U.S. "WHO ARE YOU TRYING TO KID?" WITH REGARD TO DEPARTMENT (AN EMBASSY) STATEMENTS THAT THESE ARE PRIVATE CITIZENS OVER WHOM THE USG HAS NO CONTROL. BARRIOS IMPLIES THAT NO ONE BELIEVES THEY ARE PRIVATE CITIZENS AND/OR THAT THE USG COULD NOT CONVINCE THEM TO LEAVE IF IT WISHED TO DO SO.

3. BARRIOS' SECOND POINT REGARDS TRAINING FOR NATIONAL GUARD SOLDIERS BUT NOT THE POLICE. HE SAYS THE TWO BODIES ARE THE SAME THING. HE ALSO SAYS THAT THE U.S. TRAINED SECURITY FORCES USE THEIR U.S. SUPPLIED EQUIPMENT ONLY TO PUT DOWN CIVIL PROTEST.

4. COMMENT: BARRIOS' CASE IS CLEARLY OVER-SIMPLIFIED AND OVER-STATED BUT IT DOES REPRESENT AN IMPORTANT SEGMENT OF NICARAGUAN THINKING. SOLUAN

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